



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

January 9, 2024

NOAH SCHEER

FOIPA Request No.: 1578219-000  
Subject: LIVERIGHT, ALICE FLEISHER

Dear Noah Scheer:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

**Section 552**

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**Section 552a**

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22 pages were reviewed and 16 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

This is the final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Enclosed are cross-references that are identifiable with the subject of your request. Cross-references are defined as mentions of the subject of your request in files to other individuals, organizations, events, or activities. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages that mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Records that may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

A record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file numbers 100-HQ-387835 serial 2038, 61-HQ-1538 serials 469, and 711, 61-HQ-10490 serials 104, 183, 327, 368, 425, and 483, 100-HQ-384967 serial 3, 100-HQ-3-7 serials 647, 661, and 1531, 61-HQ-10149 serials 491 and 1245, 100-HQ-357934 serials 132, 1183, 1592, 1648, and 1713, 100-HQ-414756 serial 2, 100-HQ-154799 serials 18 and 92, 100-HQ-356137 serial 432, 100-HQ-37226 serial 287, 100-HQ-377391 serial 765, 100-HQ-92879 serial 41, 100-HQ-365848 serials 201 and 232, 100-HQ-375611 serial 6, 100-HQ-33049 serial 153, 100-HQ-1170 serial 49, 61-HQ-8701 serial 11, 100-HQ-207934, 100-HQ-10547, 100-HQ-53888 serial 13, 100-HQ-371383 serial 7, 100-HQ-251965 serial 52, 100-HQ-338564 serial 4, 100-HQ-339395 serial 4, 100-HQ-44814 serial 30, 100-HQ-7061, 101-HQ-4800 serial 35, 100-PH-30841 serials 487-490 and 492-493, 100-PH-10595 serials 340 and 506, 100-PH-13552 serials 131 and 193, 100-PH-26923-1, 100-PH-33142 serial 122, 100-PH-9882 serial 1228, 100-PH-987 serial 4, 100-PH-31535 serials 223, 272, 999, 3655, 3802, and 3894, 100-PH-33143 serial 487, 100-PH-20 serial 305, 100-PH-5102 serial 19, 100-PH-987, 100-PH-33508-A serials 130, 145, 168, 225, 326, 339, 348, 360, 365, 400, 501, 505, 535-536, 539, 547, 554-555, 558-559, 562, 564-565, 567, 570-572, 574, 578, 581, 588, and 840, 100-PH-10547 serials 143 and 436, and 100-PH-10595 serial 493.

For your information, a search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were additional records potentially responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. We have attempted to obtain this material so it could be reviewed to determine whether it was responsive to your request. We were advised that the potentially responsive records were not in their expected location and could not be located after a reasonable search. Following a reasonable waiting period, another attempt was made to obtain this material. This search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia). Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel".

Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosures

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
  - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
  - b. *Reference Entity Records*– created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
JAMES M. McINERNEY

JUN 6 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ALEXANDER ALBERT LIVERIGNE  
AKA, "Gandy"  
Consultant - Appointee  
Department of Labor  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Attention:  
Mr. Archie D. Simpson  
Records Administrative Branch

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121-27622-14

For your information, and in order that consideration might be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there are transmitted herewith copies of reports reflecting the results of a loyalty investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding the above-captioned individual.

These reports are listed in the attached copy of a letter transmitting results of the investigation to the United States Civil Service Commission under provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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NY 121-11091

The following additional members of the 1940 and 1948 Board of Directors of the American National Education Service appeared in the above mentioned report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities dealing with Communist front organizations. The number following the name represents the number of times these individuals are mentioned in the report as either members, sponsors or otherwise connected with the various Communist front organizations mentioned in the report.

CLINTON S. GOLDEN	-	2
LILLIAN HERSTEIN	-	5
EDWARD C. LINDSEMAN	-	23
ALICE F. LIVERIGHT	-	7
LOIS MAC DONALD	-	2
MARK STARR	-	3
ELEANOR COPELANDER ANDERSON	-	8
GLADYS TALBOT EDWARDS	-	3
ARTHUR A. ELDER	-	1
WILLARD TOWNSEND	-	5

It is to be noted that the appointee's mother's name is ALICE LIVERIGHT, nee Fleisher.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

NY 121-11091

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*Reference Upon Completion TO The Office of Origin.*

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**United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**ALEXANDER ALBERT LIVERIGHT  
Also known as "Sandy"  
Consultant - Appointee  
Department of Labor  
Washington, D.C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

**SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~**

**Report of: Special Agent  
Raymond A. Messhart  
Dated: March 31, 1951  
at Chicago, Illinois**

**This is amended copy of Loyalty report  
and should not be removed from file  
for dissemination purposes. If dissemination  
necessary, copies should be  
made of this copy.**

**121-27622-6**

**PROPERTY OF FBI**

**This confidential report and its contents  
are loaned to you by the FBI and are not  
to be distributed outside of the agency  
to which loaned. This is an FBI investi-  
gative report and makes no recommen-  
dation for clearance or disapproval.**

PH 121-3632

✓ On December 4, 1947<sup>47</sup>, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that ALICE F. LIVERIGHT had contributed \$50.00 to the PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND ART.

The PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND ART has been cited by the Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

On December 23, 1946, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that Mrs. ALICE LIVERIGHT, as a sponsor of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS in Philadelphia, was at that time, proposed as a member of the Executive Board for that organization.

The CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS has been cited by the Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

On October 10, 1947, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that ALICE LIVERIGHT was at that time a member of the board of the Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE.

The JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE has been cited by the Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

On January 31, 1948, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that ALICE LIVERIGHT was on the mailing list of the CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN and that she had contributed \$10.00 to this organization.

The CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN has been cited by the Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

On November 15, 1947, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that the names of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. LIVERIGHT, 1530 Locust Street, Philadelphia, were on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Chapter, AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GREECE and that they had been invited to attend a meeting of this organization at the Academy of Music on November 20, 1947.

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ALEXANDER ALBERT LIVERIGHT  
aka "Sandy"  
Consultant - Appointee  
Department of Labor  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
March 31, 1951

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

BIRTH DATA

Mr. HARRY RICHMOND, Search Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, made available a birth record in the name of ALEXANDER ALBERT LIVERIGHT, which shows that he was born on November 13, 1907 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The record lists the appointee's father as I. ALBERT LIVERIGHT and the mother as ALICE LIVERIGHT, nee ALICE S. FLEISHER. It was Mr. RICHMOND's belief that the appointee's mother's name, "FLEISHER", had been incorrectly reported and should have read, "FLEISHER".

With reference to ALICE LIVERIGHT, on March 3, 1945, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that ALICE LIVERIGHT's son, as of the latter date, was the Director of Race Relations with headquarters located at Chicago, Illinois.

The following were clearly identifies ALICE FLEISHER LIVERIGHT, nee ALICE SPRINGER FLEISHER, aka Mrs. ISAAC ALBERT LIVERIGHT:

On February 8, 1945, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-1, who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that the members of the board of the PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ART would meet at the home of ALICE LIVERIGHT, 1530 Locust Street, Philadelphia, on February 14, 1945.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO: **121-1758**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/23/49</b>	PERIOD FOR <b>12/29, 30/48; 1/3-5, 13, 14, 18-21, 24-26, 31; 2/1, 3, 4, 7- 11, 14, 15, 18, 21/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>AUSTIN H. GUNSEL (A)</b>
TITLE <b>WEBSTER CLAY POWELL, Attache, Department of State, Foreign Service, Washington, D. C.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

WEBSTER CLAY POWELL was employed during part of 1931 by the Community Council of Philadelphia, Pa., and during 1932 by the Department of Welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pa., as Director of Research and Statistics. During 1933, in cooperation with EWAN CLAGUE, the employee wrote a book entitled "Ten Thousand Out of Work," a review of which fails to indicate any information reflecting adversely on the loyalty of the employee. A reliable informant advised that POWELL was an associate of HAROLD WARE, who in 1935 headed a group of Communists in Washington, D.C., and had been cited by LENIN for his aid to Russia in 1922 to 1924. According to this informant, HAROLD WARE was killed in an automobile accident near Harrisburg, Pa. in 1935, at which time the employee was either in WARE's car or following WARE in another car. Records of the Dauphin County Coroner's Office reflect a Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM POWELL were involved in accident in which WARE sustained injuries resulting in his death. Records Harrisburg Hospital reflect that HAROLD WARE furnished name of Mrs. WEBSTER POWELL, Brookville, Md., under question "Address of family or friends." Investigation by WFO reflects that employee and his wife resided in the vicinity Brookville, Md. during 1935. Records of HCUA reflect that WEBSTER POWELL spoke at a Philadelphia May Day celebration in 1933, as reflected in the "Daily Worker" of 5/2/33. Information appearing in Philadelphia newspaper of 5/1/33 reflects a WILLIAM POWELL as one of the speakers at May Day rally and apparently not identical with employee. Former neighbors of employee at Moylan, Pa. have no information relative to loyalty of POWELL. Former co-workers at

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*A. D. Boardman*

SPECIAL AGENT  
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Philadelphia file 121-1758

Dr. SIMON S. KUZNETS, Professor of Economics, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, advised that he recalled the name WEBSTER POWELL but that due to the long lapse of time since he taught him in the Graduate School, he could remember nothing in particular about him and, of course, could not comment relative to his loyalty.

EMPLOYMENT

Community Council  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mr. ROBERT DECHERT, a senior partner in the law firm of Barnes, Dechert, Price, Myers, and Clark, Room 1320 Packard Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that he had been president of the Community Council for several years from about 1930 and had been associated with it since its inception in 1928. He advised that the records of the Community Council relative to its employees were no longer in existence but that the Council had been absorbed into the Pennsylvania School of Social Work in Philadelphia sometime around 1934. Mr. DECHERT advised that WEBSTER CLAY POWELL was not personally known to him, although he did recall the name in connection with the book "Ten Thousand Out of Work."

Mrs. ISABEL CARTER, Professor of Social Research, Pennsylvania School of Social Work, 2410 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that she had formerly been associated with the Community Council in the early fall of 1933, at which time she was assistant to EWAN CLAGUE, Director of Research of the Council. Mrs. CARTER advised that she had never been personally acquainted with WEBSTER CLAY POWELL, although she did recall that he was doing a study of unemployment in Philadelphia in conjunction with Mr. CLAGUE. Mrs. CARTER stated that inasmuch as she had no personal knowledge of the activities of WEBSTER CLAY POWELL, she did not feel able to comment relative to his loyalty.

Miss CLARA FARR, retired, 996 Railroad Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, advised that she was formerly associated with the Community Council beginning in the early part of 1930. She advised that she vaguely recalled a WEBSTER POWELL having been employed by the Council but could recall nothing definite about him regarding his activities while there. She stated that she believed he had been doing some research work for EWAN CLAGUE and also for Mrs. ALICE LIVERIGHT, who had been in charge of one of the divisions of the Council.

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Mrs. MARGARET ALDEN, Registrar, Pennsylvania School of Social Work; Miss VIRGINIA ROBINSON, Vice-Dean, Pennsylvania School of Social Work; Miss FREDERICA SCHWARTZ, Family Society, 311 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dr. WILLIAM N. LOUCKS, Professor, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania; and Miss BLANCHE HAMMER, Bookkeeper, Johnson and Prince, 214 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all of whom were formerly associated with the Community Council of Philadelphia, were contacted but advised they were unable to recall WEBSTER CLAY POWELL.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Mr. E. S. ERVIN, Comptroller, furnished the personnel file of WEBSTER POWELL, which reflected that he received an appointment as Director of Research and Statistics, effective as of January 4, 1932. The file reflected he was born October 24, 1897 at New York, New York, and at the time of his appointment resided at Rose Valley Road, Moylan, Pennsylvania. The file also reflected the following information regarding his education:

Williams, Williamstown, Connecticut - 1915 to 1919 - Liberal  
Arts - A.B. Degree  
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts - 1925 to 1926 -  
Sociology - A.M. Degree  
University of Minnesota - 1929 to 1930 - completing Ph.D.  
University of Pennsylvania - 1930 to 1931 - completing Ph.D.

The file also reflects that he was employed as follows:

October 1920 to April 1922 - National City Bank, New York and  
London  
October 1923 to October 1925 - Self-employed as lawyer,  
North Carolina  
October 1926 to June 1928 - Dartmouth College, Instructor in  
Sociology  
October 1928 to October 1929 - Travel and study abroad  
October 1930 to July 1931 - National Council on Religion  
February 1931 to July 1931 - Community Council, Unemployment  
Research, University of Pennsylvania

At the time POWELL received his appointment with the Department of Welfare, Mrs. ALICE F. LIVERIGHT was Secretary of Welfare. The personnel

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advised that the anti-Communist faction of the union had concluded that the Communist leadership in the union preferred to put ALICE LIVERIGHT on the Board in this manner after she had failed to win the support of her own local at the convention.

In December 1947, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-5, a reliable informant, advised that he had occasion to observe a card index file maintained at the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art and that the name of ALICE F. LIVERIGHT, 1530 Locust Street, appeared on this list as a member of the Advisory Board and the Board of Directors.

In January 1948, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-6, a reliable informant, advised that the card index file of the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee contained the name of ALICE F. LIVERIGHT, 1530 Locust Street, and indicated that she was a Board member.

The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee both have been declared to be within the purview of Executive Order #9835 by Attorney General TOM C. CLARK on November 24, 1947.

Industrial Research Department  
Wharton School of Finance and Commerce  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The personnel file of WEBSTER CLAY POWELL maintained by the Department of Welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania indicated that POWELL had been employed by the University of Pennsylvania in conjunction with his work at the Community Council.

Miss MIRIAM HUSSEY, Research Associate, advised that she recalled WEBSTER POWELL but that he had never actually been an employee of the University of Pennsylvania, although the Industrial Research Department had furnished office space to him, as well as its research facilities, at the time he was preparing his manuscript for the book "Ten Thousand Out of Work," which was subsequently published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. Miss HUSSEY advised that her contacts with WEBSTER CLAY POWELL had been very limited and that she was not aware of any of his activities, nor did she have any information relative to his personal life. Miss HUSSEY advised that she had no information relative to the loyalty of WEBSTER CLAY POWELL.

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Mr. POWELL but thought it important to reopen the matter. She continued by stating that while it was true that Mr. POWELL had not lived in Pennsylvania forever, yet he had established a residence in Pennsylvania and had never been a political enemy. Mrs. LIVERIGHT advised the Governor that she had attempted to obtain a Pennsylvanian for the position but the persons available demanded a higher salary than that being offered to POWELL, and that while there may be someone in Pennsylvania capable and qualified, she had failed to find him and, therefore, she asked favorable reconsideration of POWELL's appointment.

The personnel file of POWELL reflects that his appointment was confirmed on January 4, 1932.

The file fails to reflect the date when POWELL was separated from his employment with the Department of Welfare, and there is nothing contained in the file reflecting adversely on POWELL's loyalty to the United States Government.

R. BRUCE DUNLAP, Bureau of Institutional Management, Department of Welfare, State of Pennsylvania, Educational Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, advised he vaguely recalled WEBSTER POWELL as an employee of the Department of Welfare but was unable to comment on his loyalty to the United States, due to lack of association with him.

Mrs. GERTRUDE THOMPSON, Research and Statistics, Department of Welfare, State of Pennsylvania, Educational Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, advised POWELL was with the Department of Welfare for about a year and a half sometime about 1932. She did not know POWELL personally and had very little official contact with him; therefore, she could not comment on his loyalty of her own knowledge. She advised that she had never heard any comment regarding POWELL which would indicate that he was anything but a loyal American.

Mrs. ELSIE WAITE GLANTZ, R.D. #1, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, advised she was employed with the Department of Welfare, State of Pennsylvania, as a statistician from about 1930 to 1932, and in that capacity worked under WEBSTER POWELL for about one year. Mrs. GLANTZ stated that to the best of her knowledge, POWELL received his appointment in the Department of Welfare through Mrs. LIVERIGHT, who was Secretary of Welfare at that time. Mrs. GLANTZ was unable to furnish any specific information relative to this matter because of the lapse of time but did advise that because of some talk which she had heard around the office and some correspondence which she had seen over the signature of Mrs. LIVERIGHT, she believed that it was Mrs. LIVERIGHT who made his appointment possible. She was not aware of the extent of the association, if any,



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between POWELL and Mrs. LIVERIGHT prior to POWELL's appointment in the Department of Welfare. As a result of handling POWELL's mail during the period of his employment, Mrs. GLANTZ learned that POWELL was interested in the Civil Liberties Union; and from statements made by him it was evident he approved of the organization. Mrs. GLANTZ was unable to furnish any information regarding the aims or purposes of the Civil Liberties Union or the extent of POWELL's association with the organization. Through her association and numerous discussions with POWELL, she is of the opinion that at the time she knew him he was strongly Socialistic, inasmuch as he expressed himself as favoring government controls and government ownership and favored changes in methods and procedures of government. Although POWELL favored changes in government procedure and stronger government controls, he wanted these changes brought about by legal legislative action under the American system of government and was not in favor of force or revolution. Mrs. GLANTZ stated that as a matter of fact, some of the changes POWELL favored have come into being; specifically, price controls and government work projects. Mrs. GLANTZ stated that in her opinion, based on her knowledge of and association with POWELL, he is a loyal American citizen.

Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-3, a reliable informant, advised in the early summer of 1943 that ALICE F. LIVERIGHT was "an old-time liberal" and prior to 1937 had been very much interested in social work. According to the informant, ALICE F. LIVERIGHT became interested in the activities of the United Office and Professional Workers of America - Congress of Industrial Organizations, in about 1937 and has been very active in the affairs of that union. The informant advised that since that time, she believes that ALICE F. LIVERIGHT has become "at least a fellow traveler" inasmuch as she appears to be in agreement with the policies of those members of the union who are Communists or Communist sympathizers.

The informant also advised that ALICE LIVERIGHT was Chairman of the Educational and Legislative Committee in the 1940 convention of the United Office and Professional Workers of America.

In September 1944, Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-4, a reliable informant, advised that ALICE F. LIVERIGHT normally follows the Communist Party line and in 1944 was Chairman of the War Activities Committee and a member of the State Executive Board of Local #2, United Office and Professional Workers of America. The informant also advised that Mrs. LIVERIGHT had been very eager to be elected to the General Executive Board of the union in 1944 but had failed to be elected at the convention held in September 1944, although she had subsequently been appointed to fill a vacancy. The informant

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file of POWELL contains correspondence from Mrs. LIVERIGHT to various officials of the State of Pennsylvania relative to his appointment.

In a letter dated October 23, 1931 to POWELL, Mrs. LIVERIGHT, Secretary of Welfare for the State of Pennsylvania, thanked POWELL for sending his application blanks and requested him to see her in the near future to meet the staff of the Department. This letter was acknowledged by POWELL on October 26, 1931, at which time he made an appointment to see her.

In a letter dated November 20, 1931 to Mr. DUNCAN McCALLUM, the Governor's personnel secretary, Mrs. LIVERIGHT referred to a previous conversation with McCALLUM and stated that Mr. POWELL is a highly trained specialist and she would like to urge McCALLUM to expedite the approval of POWELL's application. She stated that "we are sorely in need of Mr. POWELL's services in order to assist with the completion of our unemployment material."

On December 11, 1931, Mrs. LIVERIGHT sent a memorandum to a Mr. STAHLNECKER, secretary to the Governor of the State, at which time she reminded him of POWELL's appointment and that he is sorely needed. Mrs. LIVERIGHT requested an answer regarding the appointment of POWELL.

In a letter dated December 10, 1931, JOHN M. BROOMALL, III, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the 32nd Judicial District, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, corresponded with Mr. DUNCAN C. McCALLUM, personnel secretary, regarding POWELL's pending appointment with the Department of Welfare. In his letter Judge BROOMALL stated it was hard to obtain information relative to POWELL inasmuch as he was a newcomer to the State of Pennsylvania. The Judge continued by advising McCALLUM that POWELL had never registered as a voter and as far as could be learned never took part in politics and, in fact, no one knew whether he was even a Republican. Judge BROOMALL advised that it would be a great mistake to appoint this man to a position and continued by advising that he could not approve the application in face of the fact that there were so many people in Pennsylvania who wanted jobs.

The personnel file of POWELL also contained an undated pencilled memorandum from GIFFORD PINCHOT, who at that time was the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, which states, "If this is a purely technical position, still I think we ought, if it is at all possible, to find a Pennsylvanian to fill it."

By letter dated December 22, 1931, Mrs. LIVERIGHT replied to Governor PINCHOT regarding POWELL's appointment. In this letter she stated that she regretted exceedingly to be so persistent about the appointment of

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WEBSTER CLAY POWELL  
Attache  
Department of State  
Foreign Service  
Washington, D. C.  
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Report: Special Agent Austin H. Gursel

Date: February 23, 1949, at  
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